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REGISTER & LEADER. In 1899 he began his long connection with the MARSHALLTOWN TIMES-REPUBLICAN.

An active community man, he was a bitter foe of liquor. He was one of the founders of the Visiting Nurses Association, in Marshalltown. During the World War I he took a leave of absence to work among the invalided soldiers at Fort Des Moines army hospital. Furthermore, he was a powerful champion of the controversial hard surfaced road program of the state. From his long and familiar acquaintance with local affairs he was able to edit the creditable HISTORY OF MARSHALL COUNTY, published in 1912.

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CHARLES H. PARR, inventor, died June 10, 1941, in Los Angeles, California. Born in Wisconsin in 1868, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, together with C. W. Hart he began a small gasoline engine business in Madison, Wisconsin, before moving to Charles City, Iowa, in 1901. In 1902 the partners produced their first gasoline farm engine. A year later they had perfected the method of burning kerosene as fuel, with an immense reduction in operating costs. With the name 'tractor' given it by a fertile minded salesman, the Hart-Parr machines became widely and favorably known in the agricultural world. Several years ago the Hart-Parr Tractor Company was purchased by the Oliver Farm Equipment Company, though the factory remained in Charles City.

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PERRY C. RUDE, automobile dealer, died in Cedar Rapids, April 29, 1941. Born in Perry, Iowa, August 7, 1883, the son of Perry C. and Ena Balantyne Rude, he was educated in the local high school and in Culver Military Academy, graduating from the latter institution in 1901. One of the earliest automobile dealers in the state, he handled the Ford automobile from 1908, with an agency of his own in various Iowa cities since 1918.

An ardent football and baseball fan, he was a former president and a trustee of the local Y.M.C.A., also was active in the community chest programs in his city.

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CHARLES EDWARD RUSSELL, journalist and author, died April 23, 1941. Born in Davenport, Iowa, September 25, 1860, the son of Edward and Lydia Russell, he was educated in St. Johnsbury Academy, Vermont. Following his graduation from that institution in 1881, he began his newspaper career in his father's DAVENPORT GAZETTE office. Three years later he left Davenport to work on the Minneapolis TRIBUNE and JOURNAL, on the latter as managing editor. From there he went east

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